

# **State of Alaska FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Natural Resources Office of Habitat Management and Permitting Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Office of Habitat Management and Permitting

### Contribution to Department's Mission

The mission of the Habitat component is to protect Alaska's valuable fish and wildlife resources and their habitats as Alaska's population and economy continue to expand.

### Core Services

- Review applications and issue permits for activities in anadromous waterbodies and fish-bearing waters (Title 41); provide expertise to protect important fish and wildlife habitat; monitor authorized projects.
- Review proposed timber harvest activities; conduct field inspections; work cooperatively with timber operators and other governmental agencies.
- Maintain and revise the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fishes.
- Review development projects (e.g., oil and gas, hard-rock mining, hydropower, roads) authorized under other agencies' authorities.
- Conduct research on ways to minimize impacts of development projects on fish and wildlife resources.

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p><b>A: Protect Alaska's valuable fish and wildlife resources and their habitats during resource development activities.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 100% of resource developers meet agency requirements for protection of fish, wildlife, and their habitats.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage of developers in compliance with their approved permit.</p>	<p><b>A1: Enhance our Title 41 review process by adding appropriate conditions to protect resources, reviewing projects in a timely manner, and monitoring, as needed.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 99% of Title 41 permit applications are approved as is or modified with appropriate conditions to protect resources.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage of Title 41 permits approved as is or modified with appropriate conditions.</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> 15-day average permit review timeframe.</p> <p><u>Measure #2:</u> Average number of days to complete Title 41 permit reviews.</p> <p><b>A2: Enhance our participation in project reviews coordinated by other agencies by adding conditions to protect important habitat and by reviewing projects in a timely manner.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> 85% of coordinated reviews include appropriate conditions to protect important habitat.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage of coordinated reviews where appropriate conditions are included to protect important habitat.</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> 20-day average review timeframe.</p> <p><u>Measure #2:</u> Average number of days to complete reviews for projects in a coordinated review process.</p>

### Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Maintain a web site that includes information on the Anadromous Waters Catalog and how to apply for Fish Habitat Permits
- Develop simple technical guidelines & design criteria for applicants to use to complete and submit permit applications or prepare site rehab plans
- Conduct field research for select projects which can be used as models to develop policies/criteria for mitigation impacts to fish/wildlife resources
- Actively work with project applicants to identify issues, requirements and solutions prior to submittal of permit application packages
- Provide advance identification of fish habitat and stream cataloging in areas where projects are likely to occur
- Actively participate on the state's large project teams for hard rock mines, oil and gas development, and major new road projects
- For specific projects (oil and gas development, hard-rock mines, etc.) issue Fish Habitat Permits that do not expire until use & rehab are complete.
- Issue General Permits (GPs) for certain activities such as vehicle crossings of anadromous fish streams, boat launches, etc.
- Extensively use "general concurrences" in the coastal zone as a tool to decrease permit issuance time for most permit actions
- Maintain an automated permit tracking system, which allows staff to ensure timely responses
- Review and comment on authorizations issued by other resource agencies to ensure that fish and wildlife needs are addressed, as required by law
- Issue over-the-counter recreational placer mining permits for recreational mining using hand tools and small suction dredges

### FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

**FY2007 Component Budget: \$3,817,600**

**Personnel:**

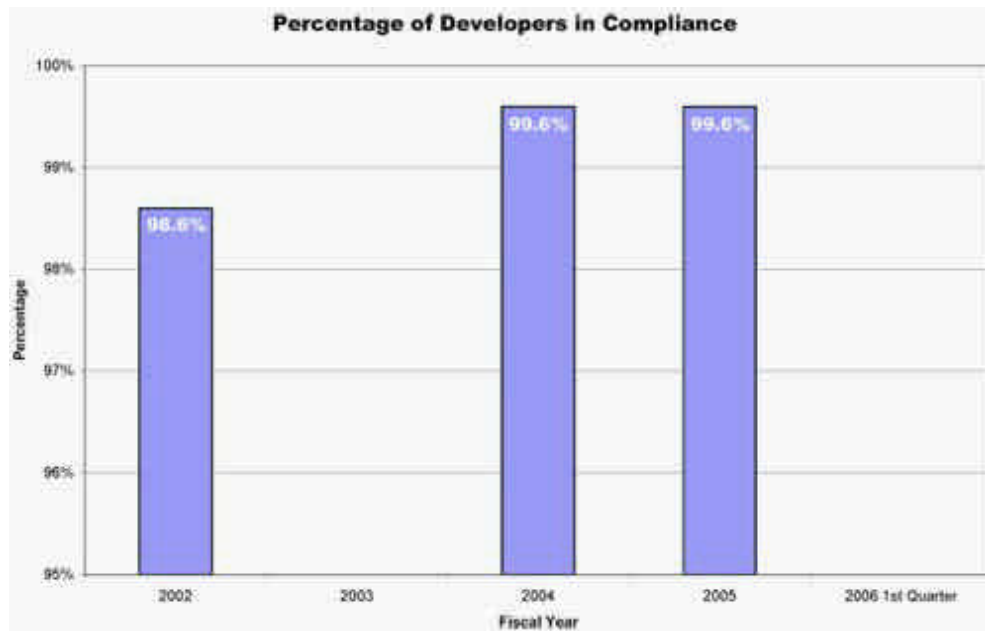
Full time	37
Part time	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

### Performance Measure Detail

#### A: Result - Protect Alaska's valuable fish and wildlife resources and their habitats during resource development activities.

**Target #1:** 100% of resource developers meet agency requirements for protection of fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

**Measure #1:** Percentage of developers in compliance with their approved permit.

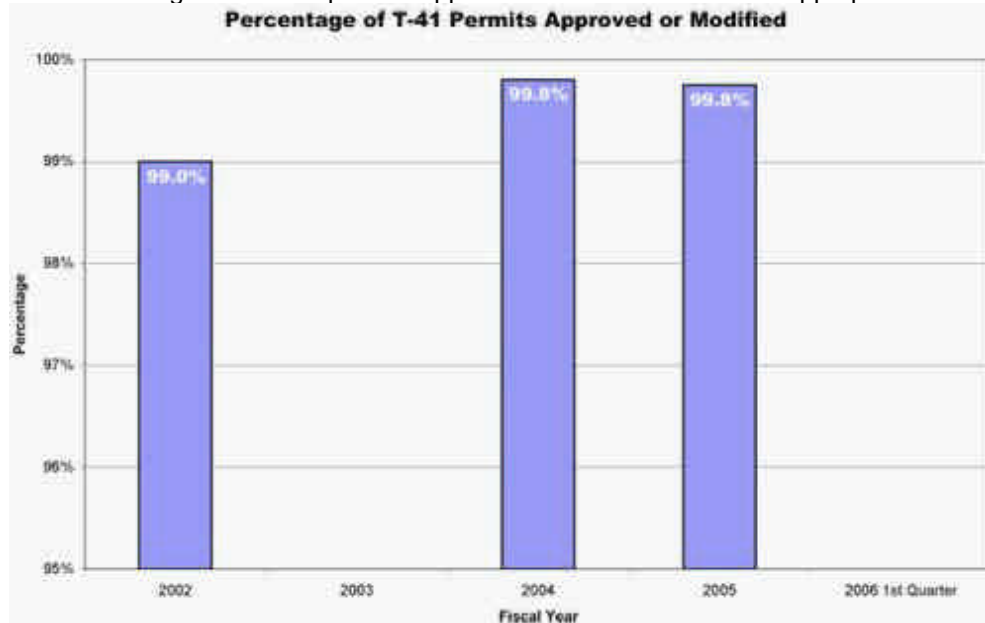


**Analysis of results and challenges:** The division's top priority is the review of Title 41 permit applications. The above percentages reflect projects where permits have been issued and the developer is in compliance with their approved permit. This percentage is an indication of our success in protecting fish, wildlife, and their habitats, while allowing development activities to proceed. Data are not available for FY 2003, the year OHMP moved to DNR.

**A1: Strategy - Enhance our Title 41 review process by adding appropriate conditions to protect resources, reviewing projects in a timely manner, and monitoring, as needed.**

**Target #1:** 99% of Title 41 permit applications are approved as is or modified with appropriate conditions to protect resources.

**Measure #1:** Percentage of Title 41 permits approved as is or modified with appropriate conditions.

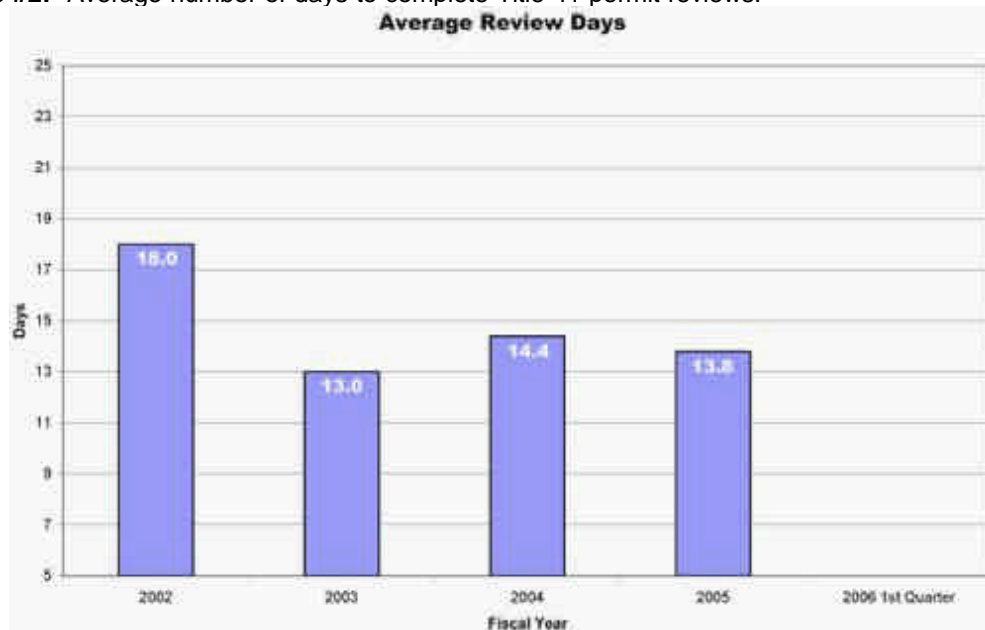


**Analysis of results and challenges:** The division's top priority is the review of Title 41 permit applications.

This measure is an indication of the quality of our review. In spite of an 18% cut in staff and an 11% cut in budget in FY 04, OHMP continues to achieve a high percentage of results. Typically less than 1% of permits are denied or withdrawn, which means that appropriate development activities are authorized to proceed while simultaneously protecting fish and fish habitat. Data are not available for FY 2003, the year OHMP moved to DNR.

**Target #2:** 15-day average permit review timeframe.

**Measure #2:** Average number of days to complete Title 41 permit reviews.



**Average number of days to complete Title 41 permit reviews.**

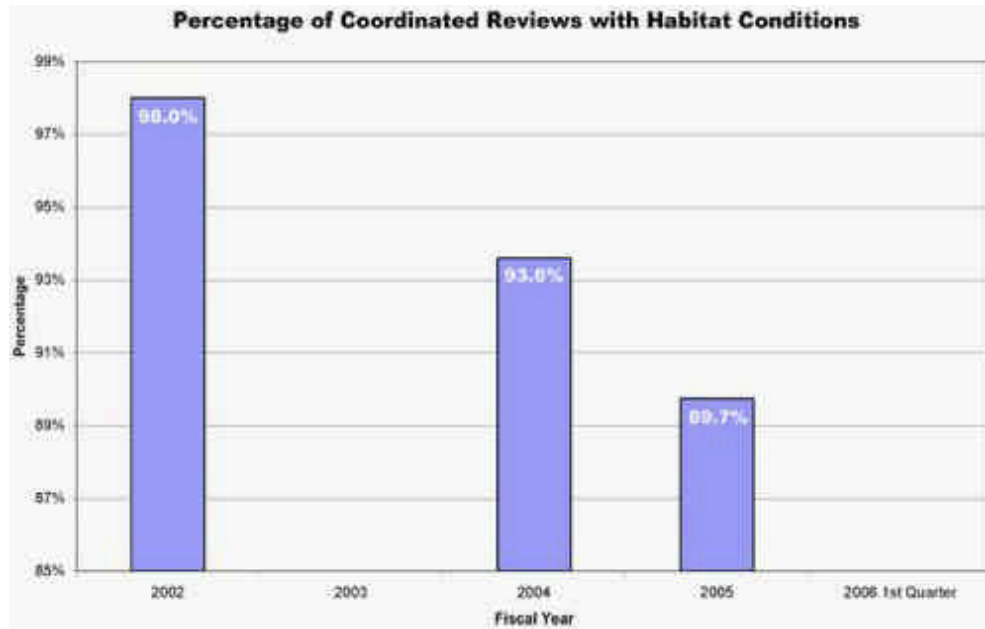
Year	YTD Total
2002	13.0
2003	15.0
2004	14.0
2005	12.0

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The division's top priority is the review of Title 41 permit applications. This measure is an indicator of the timeliness of our review. In spite of an 18% cut in staff and an 11% cut in budget in FY 04, OHMP continues to improve on this timeline, with an FY 05 average of 12.0 days. This means that our permits are timely issued and appropriate development activities are not held up.

**A2: Strategy - Enhance our participation in project reviews coordinated by other agencies by adding conditions to protect important habitat and by reviewing projects in a timely manner.**

**Target #1:** 85% of coordinated reviews include appropriate conditions to protect important habitat.

**Measure #1:** Percentage of coordinated reviews where appropriate conditions are included to protect important habitat.

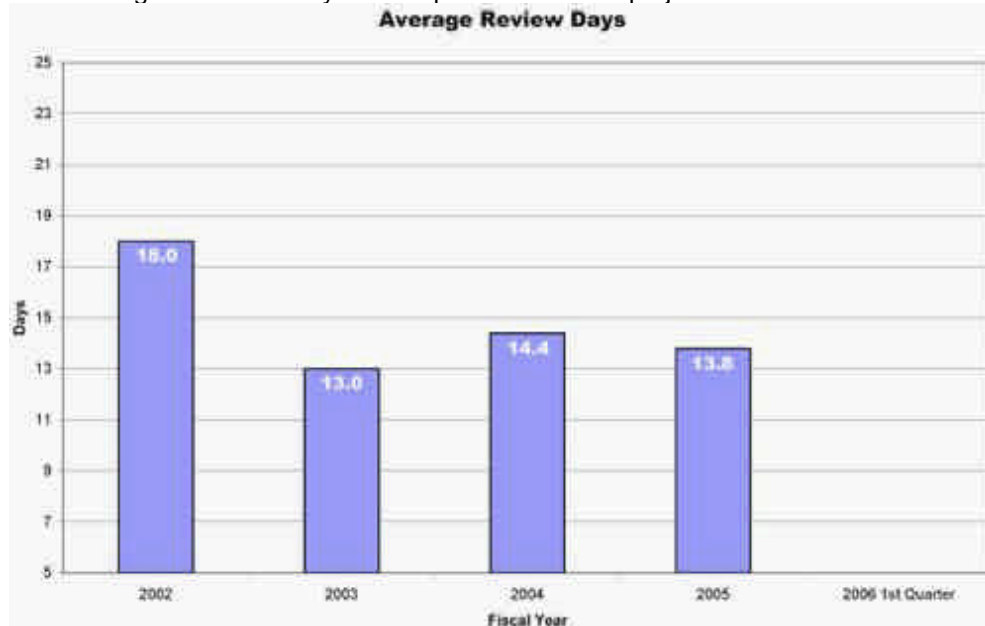


**Analysis of results and challenges:** The division's top priority is the review of Title 41 permit applications, but we also participate in the coordinated review of other proposed resource development activities described by this target/measure. In spite of an 18% cut in staff and an 11% cut in budget in FY 04, OHMP continues to exceed our target (80%); FY 05 result was 89.74%. This means that appropriate development activities are authorized to proceed while habitat is protected. Data are not available for FY 2003, the year that OHMP moved to DNR.

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**Target #2:** 20-day average review timeframe.

**Measure #2:** Average number of days to complete reviews for projects in a coordinated review process.



**Average number of days to complete reviews for projects in a coordinated review process.**

Year	YTD Total
2002	18.0
2003	13.0
2004	14.4
2005	13.8

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The division's top priority is the review of Title 41 permit applications, but we also participate in the coordinated review of other proposed resource development activities described by this target/measure. In spite of an 18% cut in staff and an 11% cut in budget in FY 04, OHMP continues to improve on our review timelines. The FY 05 average review time for this activity was 13.8 days. This means that permits are timely issued and appropriate development is not held up.

## Key Component Challenges

Provide a high level of service in core program areas (permitting, project review, monitoring).

This service requires active, and timely, identification and resolution of issues to ensure that development projects can proceed while providing necessary protections for fish and wildlife habitat. In addition, the division participates in the review of major resource development projects of critical importance to the state, including Fort Knox, True North, Gil Prospect, Pebble Gold Copper Prospect, Rock Creek Prospect, Donlin Creek Prospect, Kensington, Alpine Satellite Oil Projects, Greens Creek, and Red Dog. OHMP also conducts applied research to assess permitting effectiveness.

## Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

Continue to develop more efficient means of ensuring the efficient passage of fish through the use of General Permits (GPs), stream simulation, and design criteria and specifications. Ensure that OHMP's seven Area Offices are fully-functional and develop consistency in project reviews among diverse geographic areas of the state.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

- Completed a regulatory update of the Anadromous Waters Catalog, the first such update in 5 years. The Catalog identifies and provides information to applicants regarding the need for a Title 41.14.870 permit from OHMP.
- Continued to update and revise "Draft Working Guidelines", which provide direction to ensure consistent permitting decisions by OHMP's seven Area Offices.
- Continued focused work with the timber industry regarding OHMP's Title 41.14.840 statutory authority to ensure efficient and reasonable permitting. Issued a general permit for specific stream types and crossing structures for timber harvest activities.
- Participated in the Forest Resources and Practices Act Riparian Review in Region 2 (Southcentral Alaska), in coordination with the Division of Forestry. This work will set performance standards in riparian areas for the timber industry operating in Region 2.
- Worked on a number of Large Mine Projects, including Fort Knox reclamation and monitoring, Pogo construction, Donlin Creek permitting and power studies, Kensington permitting, Tulsequah Chief, Galore Creek, Pebble Gold Copper baseline studies, Red Dog closure plan and bonding, Illinois Creek reclamation and closure, Greens Creek operations, Gil Prospect permitting, and Rock Creek permitting.
- Worked on a number of other large projects, including DOT&PF Roads to Resources, and oil and gas projects, including Alpine, NPRA-E.
- Shifted biologist positions among the seven Area Offices to provide enhanced services to the public and respond to shifting permit activity.
- Conducted applied field research to support permitting, monitoring/compliance, and closure of major resource development projects, including fisheries research for North Slope oil and gas projects and aquatic biomonitoring for Greens Creek, Fort Knox, and Red Dog Mines. Successfully obtained a \$50.0K increment to support research projects for other activities.

## Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 41.14.840-900      Fish Passage and Fish Habitat  
AS 41.17                Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act

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Alaska Forest Resources and Practices

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### Office of Habitat Management and Permitting Component Financial Summary

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	2,478.9	2,747.6	3,028.1
72000 Travel	118.9	138.4	138.4
73000 Services	526.0	656.1	546.1
74000 Commodities	204.2	105.0	105.0
75000 Capital Outlay	9.3	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>3,337.3</b>	<b>3,647.1</b>	<b>3,817.6</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	3.7	0.0	0.0
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,341.5	2,605.4	2,723.5
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	462.7	616.2	648.5
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	92.9	200.5	212.9
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	436.5	225.0	232.7
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>3,337.3</b>	<b>3,647.1</b>	<b>3,817.6</b>

### Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	3.7	0.0	0.0
Interagency Receipts	51015	462.7	616.2	648.5
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	436.5	225.0	232.7
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	92.9	200.5	212.9
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>995.8</b>	<b>1,041.7</b>	<b>1,094.1</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>995.8</b>	<b>1,041.7</b>	<b>1,094.1</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>2,605.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,041.7</b>	<b>3,647.1</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	35.1	0.0	15.7	50.8
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	4.6	0.0	2.0	6.6
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	65.9	0.0	29.2	95.1
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	12.5	0.0	5.5	18.0
<b>FY2007 Governor</b>	<b>2,723.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,094.1</b>	<b>3,817.6</b>

**Office of Habitat Management and Permitting  
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	37	37	Annual Salaries	1,942,296
Part-time	1	1	COLA	53,470
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	1,129,700
			Less 3.12% Vacancy Factor	(97,366)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>3,028,100</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Assistant	1	0	1	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative Clerk III	0	1	0	3	4
Administrative Manager I	0	1	0	0	1
Administrative Manager II	0	0	1	0	1
Division Director	0	0	1	0	1
Habitat Biologist I	0	0	1	0	1
Habitat Biologist II	3	1	2	2	8
Habitat Biologist III	3	5	1	5	14
Habitat Biologist IV	2	1	1	0	4
Operations Manager	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>